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The attached documents describe the use and benefits of
particular strains of Lactobacillus and Bifidobacterium.

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It is respectfully requested that the attached patent documents be considered during examination of the instant application.

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	AA	US 5,494,664	02/1996	Brasart et al.			
	AB	US 6,241,983 B1	06/2001	Paul et al.			
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	AL	WO 01/10453 A2	07/2000	International <i>enc</i>				
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